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6 O'CLOCK EXTRA.

MR. SHEEHAN IN CONTEMPT.

Lexow Committee to Refer His
Case to the District
Attorney.

KEPT BACK HIS BANK BOOKS.

Said He Wasn't Afraid, but Re-
fused to Surrender Them
on Principle.

SENATORS IN A WORDY ROW.

The Commissioner's Refusal to An-
swer Only Such Questions as
He Pleaded Caused It.

Additional interest was given to the
hearing of the Police Investigating Com-
mittee to-day by the blunt refusal of
Commissioner Sheehan at the close of
yesterday's session to produce his private
and official bank-books.

His subpoena called for these books,
but he had not brought them with him,
and when Mr. Goff asked him if he in-

tended to bring them to-day he replied
defiantly that he did not. The counsel
for the committee, after consulting with
Chairman Lexow, decided to let the mat-
ter drop at that time, but he was
careful to have it noted upon the record
that the witness had refused to obey the
subpoena.

Sensational developments were looked
for this morning should the Commissioner
persist in his refusal to allow the Com-
mittee to examine his bank accounts. It is
the first time that the Committee has
been called upon to exercise its authority
in an important case, where a witness
has refused to obey its mandates, and
the question as to whether it could pro-
ceed to punish Mr. Sheehan for con-
tempt, or would be obliged to resort to
legal process for this purpose, was the
absorbing topic of discussion.

Senator O'Connor believed that the
Committee had power, under the resolu-
tion authorizing the investigation and
giving all the necessary powers to com-
pel the attendance of witnesses and send
for all papers, books and documents that
might be required for the purposes of
the investigation, to punish default wit-
nesses without further ceremony. Others,
however, held that the Committee would
have to wait until the Senate assembly,
and gave it the authority, expressly,
before it could proceed with such string-
ent measures.

However, the situation was strained to
such an extent that every one expected
to see a lively passage at arms between
the committee and the Commissioner at the
opening of the session and as a result the
crowd that besieged the doors of the
committee-room was larger and more in-
tense than ever.

When Chairman Lexow arrived he was
questioned about the Sheehan matter,
and while showing a disinclination to
talk about it "out of court," said that
he thought the Commissioner was un-
doubtedly in contempt, and that if the
case was brought before the Grand Jury
he would be compelled to indict.

Possibly, however, Mr. Sheehan would
change his mind and decide to produce
his books when he found that his re-
fusal would get him into trouble. He
was reported this morning that the
Committee had been anxious to secure
Chairman Lexow as a witness,

but that he had left town to escape ser-
vice of a subpoena. Thompson was at
one time interested in the big pool room
at the White Horse, which, it was
said, paid an enormous tribute to the
police in its palmy days, when its busi-
ness sometimes showed a profit of \$10,000
a day.

Both Mr. Goff and Mr. Moes, however,
denied very emphatically that any effort
had been made to subpoena Thompson,
and characterized the story as a
fake, started by some irresponsible per-
son for the purpose of intimidation and
possible blackmail. It is said that
Thompson has gone to the South to ben-
efit his health, which is very poor.

There was some expectation that Mr.
Mathilda Hermann, the witness held
in Jersey City, might be brought before
the Committee today, as a requisition
for her extradition was signed by Gov.
Flower at Albany yesterday.

The police were already before the
New Jersey authorities, but Mr. Moes,
who has the matter in charge, did not
know early this morning whether or
not Mrs. Hermann could be brought to
New York to-day.

It was considerably after 11 o'clock
when Commissioner Sheehan arrived,
and, using his brogue, the Lieutenant-
Governor and Lawyer Grant were with
him, and they all looked unconcerned
and indifferent. If anything, the Com-
missioner appeared a little more deter-
mined than ever, and when Chairman
Lexow after a long conference with Mr.
Goff, finally rapped for order, he re-
mained seated in his corner, instead of
coming forward to the witness stand.

Sheehan Not Called.

There was general confusion when Mr.
Goff, instead of calling for Mr. Sheehan,
asked if James W. Boyle was in the
room.

Mr. Boyle, who is the Tammany leader
in the Sixth assembly district, stood
up, and was asked to take the witness
stand.

In answer to Mr. Goff's question as
to what he was an oysterman, and
referred to be known as "chairman
of the organization of the district" in-
stead of trades.

"Whom did you mean in the registra-
tion last year by persons under police
protection?" asked Mr. Goff, coming
to the point at once.

"I never sent out such notices," replied
Mr. Boyle.

"Are you sure?"

"Certainly,"

Mr. Goff then read a printed notice
heard at Tammany Hall and Victory,
which was signed by James W. Boyle,
requesting the persons to whom they
were sent to produce their bank-books
and report on the blank
slip which was included before a specified
time.

Mr. Boyle admitted that this notice
was sent out with his sanction. There
was a typewritten postscript on a slip
of paper pasted to this circular, which
read:

"You will also send a list of persons
under police protection who are in-
different."

This was unsigned.

"Did you send that out to the cap-
tains of your district?" asked Mr. Goff.
"No, sir, I did not. If such a notice
was sent out it was without my knowl-
edge and authority."

"Wasn't it well understood that the
persons under police protection were
those who were paying tributes to the
police?"

"I don't know anything about it."

"Didn't you know that all the steam-
ship companies paid money to Capt. Ste-
phen?"

"I never heard of it till I read the tes-
timony given before this committee."

"You are a man who is always ready
and willing to do a favor to your neigh-
bor?"

"Yes; I always am ready to assist a
fellow-citizen," he asserted.

"How many times have you done
this?"

Witness Boyle.

favors for your friends at the Excise
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